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### **Northeast District Man Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Brutal Murder of Woman**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A 52-year-old Northeast District of Columbia man, Oliver N. Jones, also known as "Moody Jones," has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the brutal fatal assault of Tonette G. Ferguson in April 2008, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

Jones, who was sentenced yesterday in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by the Honorable Gerald I. Fisher, previously pled guilty to Second Degree Murder while Armed on February 22, 2010.

During the defendant's guilty plea hearing, the government proffered that Jones and Ms. Ferguson knew each other, and that Ms. Ferguson would sometimes stay at Jones' apartment located at 1116 Queen Street, NE, Washington, D.C. In the late evening hours of April 15, 2008, into the early morning hours of April 16, 2008, Jones' neighbors heard noises coming from Jones' apartment as if a struggle was going on inside and one person was in distress. One of the neighbors recognized Jones' voice as one of the persons involved in the struggle, and heard Jones say "die, die." After Jones beat Ms. Ferguson to death, he dumped her body in an alley behind 1614 Montello Avenue, NE, and left her body there, which was only clad in a t-shirt. The alley is approximately a 100 feet from Jones' apartment building. After the murder, Jones attempted to clean the blood evidence from his apartment to try to cover up the murder.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Michael Murphy and Sean Caine, who handled the investigation of this murder. He also commended the work of Marcey Rinker, victim/witness advocate, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Edward Burley and Fernando Campoamor, who handled the investigation and prosecution of the case.

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